

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| <b>Monday</b>     | <b>August 1</b><br><b>St. Alphonsus, Liguori, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>         |
| <b>8:30 a.m.</b>  | Matthew Malloy by Clem Lobo   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    | <b>August 2</b><br><b>St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</b> |
| <b>8:30 a.m.</b>  | Claire & Frank Indyk by Gene & Mickey Indyk   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>August 3</b>   |
| <b>8:30 a.m.</b>  | Dominic Osegbe by Ini & Nwando Udom & Family  |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | <b>August 4</b><br><b>St. John Vianney, Priest</b>  |
| <b>8:30 a.m.</b>  | Charles Pascale by Rita Pascale   |
| <b>Friday</b>     | <b>August 5</b><br><b>The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</b>                  |
| <b>8:30 a.m.</b>  | Purgatorial Society   |
| <b>Saturday</b>   | <b>August 6</b><br><b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>                                   |
| <b>4:00 p.m.</b>  | The McNally Family by Lynn Low  |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>August 7</b><br><b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                                |
| <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  | People of the Parish  |
| <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | Michael Acquavella by Maria Acquavella  |

**The collection for the weekends of July 24<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Offertory: \$13, 132**  
**H.E.L.P. : \$2,073**

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish!**



### Remembering in Prayer

Kindly contact the office if you know of a parishioner who is sick, having surgery or in need of pastoral care. We would like to remember them in our prayers and care for their spiritual needs.

### CANDLE OFFERING

**Sanctuary:** In Thanksgiving of Virginia P. **Blessed Virgin Mary:** Maria Stella Antista by Daughter, Angela and Family  
**St. Joseph:** Muriel Calvanelli by Rose Ferrarri  
**St. Jude:** Muriel Calvanelli by Fran Gatti & Lenny Caglianone  
**Sacred Heart:** Healing of George Verdaguer by The Marino Family



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**Sunday:** Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21  
**Monday:** Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36  
**Wednesday:** Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28  
**Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23  
**First Friday:** Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28  
**Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

### CANDLE & FLOWER OFFERINGS

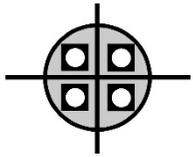
For those who wish to remember their loved ones or pray for a special intention, we now have the following available:

**Candle intentions:** These are 8 votive candles in the church Sanctuary, before the statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, Sacred Heart, Padre Pio, St. Theresa, St. Jude, St. Anthony, or Blessed Pauline (\$15).

**Church flowers:** \$75 per basket on either side of the tabernacle. \$50 per tray placed near the Blessed Virgin Mary or St. Joseph statue.

**Purgatorial Society enrollments:** Members share in the graces of all Masses celebrated in our Church. In addition, a Mass is celebrated each month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday for one year for those enrolled (\$25).

Stop by or call the parish office for more information 609-371-0499 ext.10.



**HIS WORD TODAY**  
by Rev. William J. Reilly

**“Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.’ He replied, ‘Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?’ Then he said to the crowd, ‘Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.’... Thus, will it be for all who save up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”**

Do you know anyone who had saved something special to bring to the next life? The adage ‘you can’t take it with you’ is so true, but what shall I do with all I have?

If it is not something which can lead my soul to eternal life, I can rid myself of it. The recent expression about ‘Black Lives Matter’ should apply to all life from conception to natural death. The gift I have received can be shared with someone else in need.

Our society unfortunately places value on things, accumulation, and earthly treasures. They mean nothing when we consider someone suffering with terminal illness, the ravages of war. Greed, or covetousness are on the list of capital sins, and contrary to our society's values. As disciples of the Lord we wish to avoid it.



**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this time receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”*

*Luke 12:15*

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our “invisible” gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from “emptying” ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

| PARISH CALENDAR |                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Aug. 1          | K of C Meeting – 6:30pm          |
|                 | RCIA – 6:30pm – 8:00pm RR        |
| Aug. 5          | First Friday & Adoration         |
| Aug. 6          | Backpacks Gift Cards             |
| Aug. 7          | Backpacks Gift Cards             |
|                 | RCIA – 11:00 – 12:30pm RR        |
| Aug. 8          | RCIA – 6:30pm – 8:00pm           |
| Aug. 10         | Tour of the Church – 6:30pm      |
| Aug. 14         | Baptisms                         |
|                 | Blood Drive - 5:30am - Noon      |
|                 | RCIA – 11:00 – 12:30pm RR        |
| Aug. 15         | <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>             |
|                 | Assumption (not a holyday)       |
|                 | Backpack distribution Gift Cards |
|                 | RCIA – 6:30pm – 8:00pm           |
| Aug. 17         | Baptism Prep                     |

**FAITH FORMATION**

**REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE  
SUNDAY, JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

If you haven’t registered your child and are still interested, the religious education registration link will be taken down Sunday at 12 midnight.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office at 609-371-2518 or email Tara Vigario at [pcl@nativitymonroe.org](mailto:pcl@nativitymonroe.org).



**ONLY ONE CATECHIST NEEDED**

**We are still looking for a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher on Tuesday evenings.** Please consider how you might answer the call to be a disciple of Jesus by sharing your faith with our parish children. If interested, contact Tara Vigario at 609-371-2518 for details.



**YOU’RE INVITED...**

The RCIA team is presenting a **TOUR OF THE CHURCH** on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Come and learn about the parts of our church building, the art and sacred objects and vessels. There will be time for Q/A. Great for adults and children



The winning numbers for the Knights of Columbus Calendar are:

**Week of July 17<sup>th</sup>**

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| July 24: 154 | July 28: 223 |
| July 25: 383 | July 29: 024 |
| July 26: 464 | July 30: 520 |
| July 27: 231 | July 31: 830 |

Thank you and Congratulations to the winners! The winning numbers are posted on our website [www.nativitykofc.com](http://www.nativitykofc.com).

**MINISTRIES**

**St. Vincent DePaul** – If you are experiencing financial hardship due to a temporary loss of employment, illness, or disability, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to provide assistance for your everyday needs such as food, utility assistance, or agency referrals. Please dial the parish number 609- 371-0499, then press 4, and leave a message with your name and phone number. Someone will return your call. All calls are handled in strict confidence.

**Backpacks for Kids Collection:** This year we hope to provide school supplies for approximately 50 children in our local area. We are again collecting gift cards or monetary donations this year. We will have a box in the Narthex until August 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to contribute to this drive, we would appreciate gifts cards from Walmart, Target, or Staples in any amount (Please be sure the \$ amount of the gift card is clearly marked on the card), or a check made payable to Nativity St. Vincent DePaul Society. We thank you for your generosity.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Our next trip to Atlantic City will be Wednesday, **August 17<sup>th</sup>**, to Resorts Casino. Cost is \$24 p.p., and you will receive **\$15.00 slot play money**. A photo I.D. is required to obtain play money. Make checks payable to **Nativity Church Activities**. Please arrive at church parking lot by 9:15am. Bus leaves promptly by 9:30 a.m. For reservations call Vita Alessi at 609-409-4249.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**



Who doesn't want to amass a treasure? Who says, "No thanks - that extremely valuable thing you want to give me... I don't want it"? No one...

But here's the thing: What is truly VALUABLE? The things of this world aren't true value. We can't take them with us. A wise priest often says, "There's never a U-Haul following a hearse" – and he's right. Where do we see true value?

Hopefully, it's in what matters to God – faith, hope, love. If this is of value to you, this is what you should share with others. What "inheritance" would you like to give to those you love? Perhaps you might invite someone in your life to explore faith, hope and love as offered by Jesus through the Catholic Church. Can you reach out to that person?

This week, invite one person to explore discipleship to Jesus through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Those who are unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but have never received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are all welcome to explore the Catholic faith through the RCIA.

For information about the RCIA in this parish, contact JoLynn Krempecki at 732-690-2610 ([jolynnkrempecki@msn.com](mailto:jolynnkrempecki@msn.com)) or Sister Marie Colette at 609-371-0499 ([pa@nativitymonroe.org](mailto:pa@nativitymonroe.org)). Or you can reach our diocesan RCIA office at [rcia@diometuchen.org](mailto:rcia@diometuchen.org).

**REST IN PEACE**

Please remember in your prayers the souls of:

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Jane Klee            | June 30, 2022 |
| Mary Greene          | July 2, 2022  |
| Tadeusz Mikolajewski | July 3, 2022  |
| Frank Donzelli       | July 21, 2022 |
| Theresa Farrugia     | July 22, 2022 |
| Santa Giovanniello   | July 23, 2022 |

## LET'S SAVE LIVES

### The Knights of Columbus Council # 14658

in collaboration with the NJ blood services will hold a  
**BLOOD DRIVE, SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 14th, 7:30AM - 12:00 PM**

Nativity of Our Lord Church  
185 Applegarth Road, Monroe NJ.

To schedule your appointment, go to:

[https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/304017](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/304017)

For more information call NJ Blood Services at 1-800-933-2566. Appointments are preferred; however, walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink plenty of fluids, and bring your NYBC donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

If you have been told that you should not donate blood, please disregard this message. If you recently donated, or if you have already scheduled an appointment to donate, please accept our thanks on behalf of patients in need.

For questions about eligibility to donate due to travel outside the U.S., medications or medical conditions call [800.688.0900](tel:800.688.0900).

Did you receive the COVID-19 vaccine? You can still donate! To learn more, go to <https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/covid-19-and-blood-donation-copy/>

We do not test for COVID-19. Please contact your health care provider if you wish to be tested.

**DONORS PRESENTING:** Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19.

May NOT donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days. May NOT donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions. Wearing masks is optional for both donors and staff.



## St. John Vianney

Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney, known as John in English, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France and was baptized the same day. He was the fourth of six children born to Matthieu and Marie Vianney.

John was raised in a Catholic home and the family often helped the poor and housed St. Benedict Joseph Labre when he made his pilgrimage to Rome.

In 1790, when the anticlerical Terror phase of the French Revolution forced priests to work in secrecy or face execution, young Vianney believed the priests were heroes.

He continued to believe in the bravery of priests and received his First Communion catechism instructions in private by two nuns who lost their convents to the Revolution.

At 13-years-old, John made his first communion and prepared for his confirmation in secrecy. When he was 20 years old, John was allowed to leave the family farm to learn at a "presbytery-school" in Écully. There he learned math, history, geography and Latin.

As his education had been disrupted by the French Revolution, he struggled in his studies, particularly with Latin, but worked hard to learn. In 1802, the Catholic Church was reestablished in France and religious freedom and peace spread throughout the country.

Unfortunately, in 1809, John was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's armies. He had been studying as an ecclesiastical student, which was a protected title and would normally have excepted him from military services, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in some dioceses as he required more soldiers.

**LISTEN**  
**TO THE VOICE OF GOD**



Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) when you are away from home and looking for Mass schedules. Safe travels!



### *Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration (Revised date)*

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 30, 2022, at 3:30 PM. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). Registration will close on October 7, 2022. Although no fee is needed, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/donation-silver-and-gold> or calling 732-562-1543.

### **Retrouvaille August 19 - 21, 2022**

#### Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **August 19 - 21, 2022**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email [3024@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3024@helpourmarriage.org).



### **The Feast of the Transfiguration**

In Christian teachings, the Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as **the point where human nature meets God**: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.

Feast of the Transfiguration, Christian commemoration of the occasion upon which Jesus Christ took three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on a mountain, where Moses and Elijah appeared and Jesus was transfigured, his face and clothes becoming dazzlingly bright (Mark 9:2-13; Matthew 17:1-13; Luke 9:28-36).

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